

The Senate Committee on Ways and Means Tuesday, February 28, 2012 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 211 State Capitol

## **Testimony in Support of SB 3001 SD1**

Aloha Chair Ige, and Members of the Committee,

The Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS) **supports SB 3001 SD1**, *Game mammals; wild mammals; interisland transportation*, which would prohibit the interisland transportation of live game or wild mammals, with exceptions, and establishes additional mandatory fines.

The smuggling of axis deer to Hawai'i island highlighted a number of issues for agencies. The lack of clear language, stiff penalties, and the existence of loopholes for introduction of game or wild mammals to private property in the existing statutes are some of those issues. SB 3001 SD1 would address these three issues, while providing for beneficial re-homing efforts such as with the Kona nightingales. We respectfully ask for your support of this measure. Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 3001 (SD1)**

Aloha Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i Chapter of the Sierra Club, with 10,000 members and supporters, *supports* SB 3001 SD1. This bill prohibits the transportation of wild or feral mammals.

The introduction of non-native species, particularly hoofed animals, has detrimentally impacted Hawai'i's natural environment (see attached photo that shows a denuded area in Kalena, which is causing muddy runoff). This problem could be compounded if individuals are allowed to smuggle wild mammals to islands that are currently free from such invasive species.



This bill would create a deterrent to the further introduction of species that might devastate Hawai'i's natural and cultural legacy, and critically important watersheds.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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